BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 88-627-C - ORDER NO. 89-232 *

MARCH 9, 1989

IN RE: Application of Business Telecom,) ORDER GRANTING Inc. for a Certificate of Public) PETITION TO Convenience and Necessity.) INTERVENE OUT) OF TIME

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a Petition to Intervene Out of Time filed on behalf of Steven W. Hamm, Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate) requesting permission to intervene out of time in the instant docket.

The Consumer Advocate's Petition alleges that the Consumer Advocate was aware of the filing by Business Telecom, Inc. in this docket but reconsidered this matter after the February 15, 1989 deadline to intervene had expired. The Petition alleges that the Consumer Advocate believes that it would be in the best interest of the consuming public to be represented in this docket.

The Commission has considered the Petition to Intervene Out of Time filed on behalf of the Consumer Advocate and finds that it is in the public interest to grant the Petition to Intervene Out of Time.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ACTINGChairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

(SEAL)